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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/541,205	SAULER ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Inventorship*

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 15-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wilstermann et al (US 6,012,425).

Regarding claim 15, the reference of Wilstermann et al discloses a method for detecting combustion knock, in which a measuring signal of a knock sensor is evaluated during combustion in a cylinder of an internal combustion engine to determine whether or not the combustion is taking place with knocking comprising: subdividing the measuring signal into a plurality of time windows (abstract, Figs. 1A-3C, and 6);

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examining each window to determine whether the combustion occurred with knocking (col. 6, line 8 through col. 7, line 36); and

comparing results of the plurality of windows to each other for a final assessment of whether the combustion occurred with knocking (above discussions, and more detail in Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 16, as rejected in claim 15.

Regarding claim 17, the reference of Wilstermann et al further teaches plurality of said combustion cycles respectively responsively to receiving said no-knocking signal or knocking recognition signal which is including three measuring windows, and the combustion is assessed as occurring with knocking if a knocking combustion is detected in at least two of the windows (Figs. 1A-3C, and col. 10, lines 2-7).

Regarding claim 18, see Figs. 1A-3C.

Regarding claim 19, see at least col. 4, lines 44-56.

Regarding claims 20-21, as discussed in claim 15.

The device for detecting knocking of claims 22-28 is rejected as the same with the method of claims 15-21.

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Frankowski et al (US 6,456,927 B1), and Unland et al US 6,012,425).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Johnny H. Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-4843.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephens K. Cronin can be reached on (571) 272-4536. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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